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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(WCARRD) - AGENDA

REF: (A) ROME 1634, (B) STATE 35191, (C) ROME 2978

1. NEHEMIAH, DEPUTY ON FAO SECRETARIAT FOR WORLD CONFERENCE ON AGRARIAN REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (WCARRD), GAVE FODAG A SLIGHTLY REVISED AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE, SEE REFTEL (A). REVISION ADDS A MAIN HEADING "EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EXTENSION" BETWEEN HEADINS 3 AND 4 OF REFTEL (A). A SIMILAR HEADING HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE THE OUTLINE OF THE REVIEW AND OUTLINE PAPER. SUB-HEADINGS CHANGED, BUT BASIC ORIENTATION HAS NOT BEEN ALTERED. AGENDAS BEING HAND CARRIED TO SCHUWEILER/AID.

2. NEHEMIAH SAID THAT THE INTER-AGENCY MEETING MARCH 9-10 HAD BY AND LARGE APPROVED THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE WCARRD. SOME ADJUSTMENTS OF EMPHASIS WERE SUGGESTED IN THE AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED, PLUS IT WAS AGREED THAT THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE INCLUDED. REPORT OF INTER-AGENCY MEETING ALSO SENT SCHUWEILER.

3. THE WCARRD ADVISORY COMMITTEE, INCLUDING MELLOR OF U.S.,
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WILL MEET IN ROME MARCH 29-31 TO CONSIDER THE AGENDA.

4. NEHEMIAH WAS AWARE OF U.S. SUGGESTIONS ON AGENDA, REFTEL (B), BUT THOUGHT OUR IDEAS COULD BE WORKED INTO PREPARATIONS FOR MEETING WITHOUT MAJOR CHANGES IN FORMAT OF AGENDA AS SUGGESTED BY U.S. HE DID NOT INDICATE ANY INTENTION TO ALTER AGENDA TO CONCENTRATE MORE ON LAND REFORM AS PRESSED

BY MELLOR AND DURING TALKS WITH AID OFFICIALS. NEHEMIAH,
LIKE NURAL ISLAM, CONSIDERS LAND REFORM AS ONE OF MANY
STRUCTURAL CHANGES NEEDED TO ALLEVIATE RURAL POVERTY.

5. COMMENT: IF USG WISHES TO TRY AGAIN TO CHANGE AGENDA,
IT SHOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH MELLOR AND INSTRUCT FODAG.
IT IS, HOWEVER, DOUBTFUL IF ANY MAJOR CHANGES WILL BE
ACCEPTED. PRESENT AGENDA DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY EMPHASIS ON
POPULATION PROGRAMS OR NUTRITION POLICY, BOTH OF WHICH WOULD
SEEM TO FODAG TO BE CRITICAL AREAS OF RURAL REFORM.
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